

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAREER PATHS IN THE POST-PANDEMIC ERA



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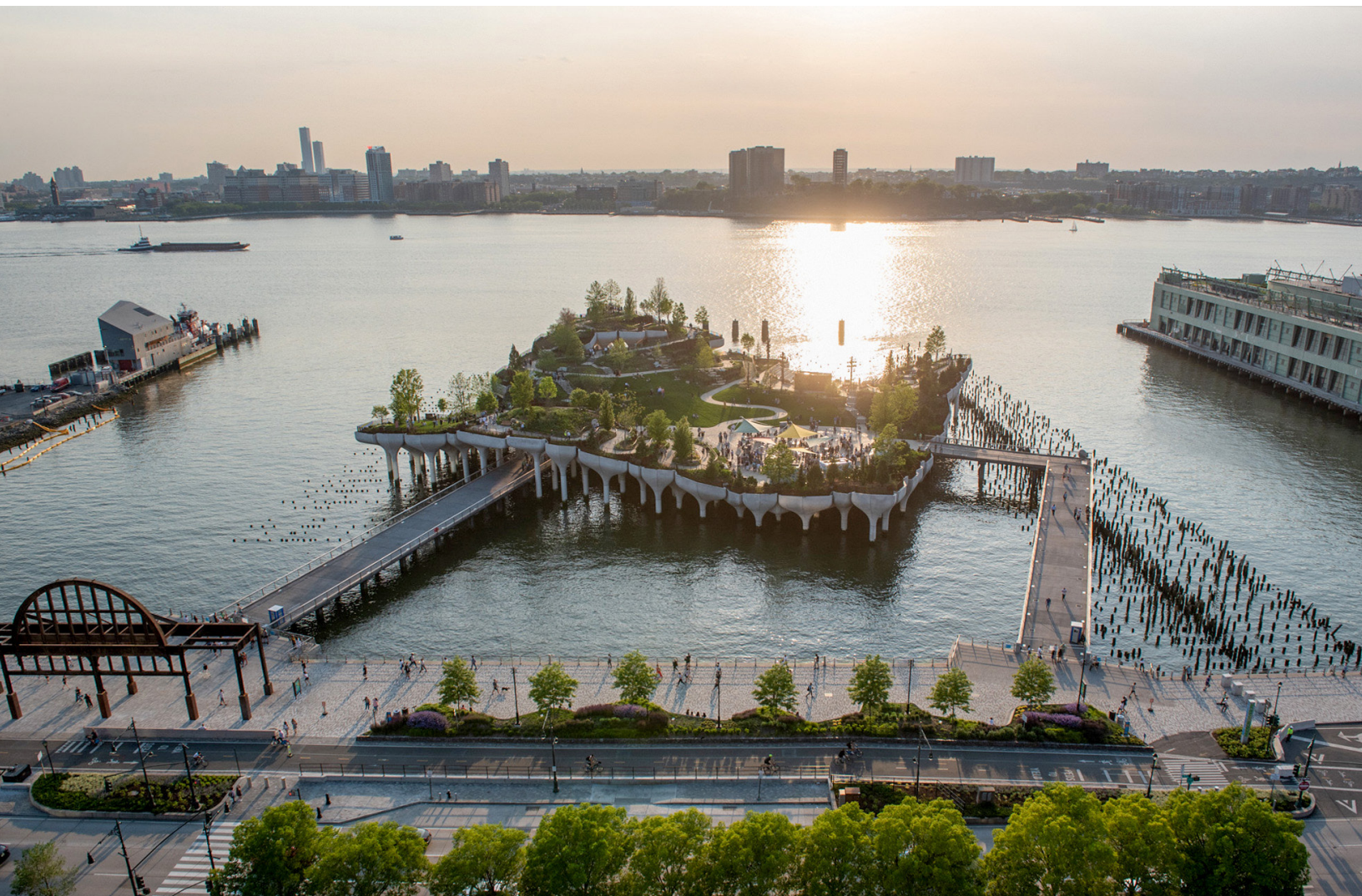
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Room 105

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## OVERVIEW

Tired of the same old grind? Your landscape architecture degree opens many doors to explore non-traditional ways to make a difference in society, earn a good salary, and offers career paths to expand the diversity of people entering or making their way in the profession. Three professionals will describe their individual paths and how they fortuitously came together to build Little Island. Come, be inspired.





## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Learn how three accomplished landscape professionals have charted their career paths in non-traditional practice.
2. Learn how three landscape architects, each through a different role on Little Island, communicated and collaborated effectively to build a new signature, high-profile park.
3. Discover how landscape architects can amplify their voice by engaging in diverse career paths.
4. Learn the challenges and opportunities these non-traditional career paths offer to aspiring, emerging, and mid-career landscape architects.



## SPEAKER BIOS



**Signe Nielsen, FASLA  
Principal, MNLA**

Signe Nielsen has been practicing as a landscape architect since 1978. A Fellow of the ASLA, she also led a landscape design-build firm in her firm's early years. Most recently, Signe led the landscape design for Little Island where she enjoyed collaborating with both Celine Armstrong and Marty Leibrock. Signe is a Professor at Pratt Institute and holds degrees in Government from Smith College, in Landscape Architecture from City College of New York, and in Construction Management from Pratt Institute.



**Celine Armstrong, ASLA, LEED AP  
Project Executive, Little Island**

Celine Armstrong is an urban designer and landscape architect with more than 10 years of experience focusing on the built environment. In her role as Project Executive of Little Island, she oversaw the design and construction of the \$200M pier, shepherding a vision into a waterfront park for New Yorkers. Celine holds a Master of Science in Architecture and Urban Design from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from Kansas State University.



**Martin T. Leibrock, Jr.  
Senior Project Manager, Hunter Roberts Construction Group**

Marty Leibrock is a Project Manager with Hunter Roberts Construction Group in New York City who has focused his career on the construction of parks and public spaces. Marty strives to add value by fostering collaboration and create solutions that deliver thriving and functional public spaces within the realm of New York's complex construction environment. He enjoys engagement with multiple stakeholders and trades to achieve the design intent and client goals. Notable projects include Little Island, the High Line, and several rehabilitation projects throughout Central Park.

## NOTES

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